AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1.   [Cancelled]

2.   [Currently Amended]   A ~~team member profile~~method as claimed in claim 35~~1~~, wherein the types of communications comprise: 1-way messaging; 2-way messaging; voice; and multi-media.

3.   [Currently Amended]   A ~~team member profile~~method as claimed in claim 2, wherein 1-way messaging comprises one or more of paging, and e-mail.

4.   [Currently Amended]   A method~~team member profile~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein 2-way messaging comprises instant messaging (IM).

5.   [Currently Amended]   A method ~~team member profile~~as claimed in claim 2, wherein multi-media communications comprises one or more of: document sharing; application sharing; 1-way video conferencing; and 2-way video conferencing.

6.   [Currently Amended]   A method~~team member profile~~ as claimed in claim 35~~1~~, wherein the communications information comprises, for each one of the plurality of different types of communications, a selected one of:

an indication that the ~~one~~team member prefers not to participate in the respective type of communications; and

communications preference information identifying a preferred communications device selected by the ~~one~~team member for participating in the respective type of communications.

7.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 6~~2~~, wherein the communications preference information comprises at least an address of the preferred communications device.

8.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 7, wherein the address comprises any one or more of: a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) destination number (DN); a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) extension number; an internet protocol (IP) address; and an e-mail address.

9.   [Cancelled]

10.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 35~~9~~ wherein each team member profile is associated with a respective one of a plurality of different roles of the ~~one~~ team member.

11.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 10, wherein each one of the plurality of different roles is defined by the ~~one~~ team member.

12.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 11, wherein the plurality of different roles comprises a Working role of the ~~one~~ team member.

13.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 10, wherein each team member profile is further associated with a respective one of a plurality of different environments of the ~~one~~ team member.

14.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 13, wherein each one of the plurality of different environments is defined by the ~~one~~ team member.

15.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method~~ team member profile as claimed in claim 14, wherein the plurality of different environments comprises an office environment of the ~~one~~ team member.

16.   [Cancelled]

17.   [Cancelled]

18.   [Cancelled]

19.   [Currently Amended]   A method as claimed in claim 35~~18~~, wherein the step of enabling the team member to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite comprises the steps of:

providing an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) interface to the persistent virtual team environment; and

enabling the team member to access the IVR using a voice communications device.

20.   [Previously Amended]   A method as claimed in claim 19, wherein the step of enabling the team member to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite further comprises the steps of:

playing an announcement including information of one or more options concerning the communications information;

receiving one or more dialed digits dialed by the team member in response to the announcement; and

selecting the communications information using the received dialed digits.

21.   [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 20, wherein the information of one or more options comprises information identifying each one of ~~a~~ the plurality of team member profiles~~, each team member profile including respective different communications information~~.

22.   [Cancelled]

23.   [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 21, wherein the step of selecting the communications ~~preference~~ information comprises a step of using the dialed digits dialed by the team member to select one of the plurality of team member profiles as ~~a~~ the current profile.

24.   [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 35~~18~~, wherein the step of enabling the team member to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite comprises the steps of:

providing a graphical user interface (GUI) adapted to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite; and

enabling the team member to access the graphical interface using a GUI-enabled communications device.

25.   [Previously Amended]   A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the GUI is instantiated in the GUI-enabled communications device and adapted to interact with the collaboration services suite through a network.

26.   [Original]   A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the GUI is instantiated by a web page associated with the collaboration services suite and accessible by the GUI-enabled communications device through an IP network.

27.   [Original]   A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the GUI-enabled communications device comprises any one of: a PC; a wireless PDA; a Wireless Application Protocol (WAP) enabled communications device.

28.   [Original]   A method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the step of enabling the team member to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite further comprises the steps of:

using the GUI to display information of one or more options concerning the communications information;

receiving an input from the team member indicative of a team member selection; and

selecting the communications information using the team member selection.

29.   [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the information of one or more options comprises information identifying each one of a-the plurality of team member profiles, each team member profile including respective different communications information.

30.   [Currently Amended] A method as claimed in claim 29, wherein the step of selecting the communications information comprises a step of using the input from the team member to select one of the plurality of the team member profiles as a-the current profile.

31.   [Previously Amended]   A method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the information of one or more options comprises information identifying an availability of the team member for participating in each one of the plurality of different types of communications.

32.   [Previously Amended]   A method as claimed in claim 31, wherein the step of selecting the communications information comprises, in respect of each one of the plurality of different types of communications, a step of using the input from the team member to select one of:

an indication that the team member prefers not to participate in the respective type of communications; and

information identifying a preferred communications device selected by the team member for participating in the respective type of communications.

33.   [Original]   A method as claimed in claim 32, wherein the information identifying a preferred communications device comprises at least an address of the preferred communications device.

34.   [Currently Amended] A ~~method team-member-profile~~ as claimed in claim 33, wherein the address comprises any one or more of: a Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) destination number (DN); a Private Branch Exchange (PBX) extension number; an internet protocol (IP) address; and an e-mail address.

35.   [NEW] In a persistent collaboration services suite for facilitating collaboration between members of a team, a method of enabling a team member to control communications with other members of the team, the method comprising steps of:

enabling the team member to interact with the persistent collaboration services suite to:

define a plurality of member profiles associated with the team member, each member profile comprising communications information defining a respective set of preferences of the team member for participating in each one of a plurality of different types of communications; and

select one of the plurality of member profiles as a current profile; and

forwarding the communications information to a respective VTE client of each one of the other members of the team.